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NEW SOUTH WALES

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NOTES

GENERAL

This publication has been enhanced to incorporate relevant data from the now discontinued publication *Monthly Summary of Statistics, NSW* (Cat. no. 1305.1) (final edition December 1997).

This enhanced publication provides information on a wide range of economic indicators which are the latest available at the time of publication. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from a series so that the effects of other variations on that series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present. This means that movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of the underlying trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. This smoothing technique does result in revisions to the most recent estimates as additional observations become available. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Cat. no. 1308.0).

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

One measure of the variability which occurs as a result of surveying only samples of the total business population is the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that it is within two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate and this is known as the relative standard error (RSE).

For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

| | |
|-------|---|
| kWh | kilowatt hour |
| teraJ | terajoule |
| n.a. | not available |
| n.p. | not available for publication but included in totals where applicable |
| n.y.a | not yet available |
| r | figure or series revised since previous issue |
| .. | not applicable |
| — | nil or rounded to zero |
| — | break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) |

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NSW OVERVIEW

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EMPLOYMENT

The seasonally adjusted number of employed persons fell by 1.3% in NSW in February 1998 to 2,805,400. This follows three consecutive months of rising employment. Nationally, employment rose marginally in February.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The seasonally adjusted number of unemployed persons in NSW increased by 3.3% in February 1998 to 234,500. The unemployment rate rose to 7.7% in February 1998 in NSW while the national unemployment rate was steady at 8.1%.

BUILDING APPROVALS

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved in NSW in January 1998 was 4,350, a decrease of 9.8% on the previous month's figure but still 3.8% higher than January 1997.

RETAIL

In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in January 1998 was \$4,043.9 million, an increase of 1.5% on the figure for December, 1997.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

In seasonally adjusted terms, new motor vehicle registrations in NSW increased by 3.5% from 21,335 in December 1997 to 22,083 in January 1998.

TOURISM

In NSW the room occupancy rate for the December quarter 1997 fell by 1.9 percentage points to 59% compared with the previous December quarter. There was an increase of 1.5 percentage points compared with the September quarter 1997.

FINANCE

The value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation fell 17.6% to \$1,400.9 million in January 1998. This also represents a 6.3% decline from January 1997.

MAIN FEATURES

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

In NSW the number of rooms available in hotels, motels and guests hotels increased by 3.6% in the December quarter 1997 compared with the December quarter 1996, while the demand in terms of room nights occupied was almost unchanged. Compared to the previous December quarter, the room occupancy rate for the December quarter 1997 fell by 1.9 percentage points to 59%. Compared to the September quarter 1997, the December quarter figure showed a rise of 1.5 percentage points. Takings from accommodation rose by 3.7% compared to the December quarter 1996 and at \$345.7 million represented average takings per room night occupied of \$107.

In the Sydney Statistical Division (SD) the room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses for the December quarter 1997 was 70.6%. This represented a rise of 3.4 percentage points compared with the September quarter but a fall of 4.1 percentage points compared with the December quarter 1996. Takings from accommodation in the Sydney SD for the December quarter 1997 were \$240.7 million which was 69.6% of takings for total NSW and represented average takings per room night occupied of \$139.

For Australia, the room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses for December quarter 1997 was 58.2%. While this was an increase of 0.2 percentage points compared with the September quarter 1997, it was a decrease of 1.7 percentage points compared with the December quarter 1996. Average takings per room night occupied for Australia were \$102.

INVESTMENT

The December quarter 1997 trend estimate of total private new capital expenditure (at current prices) for NSW was \$3,705 million. This represented a rise of \$166 million (4.7%) over the previous quarter. The NSW figure compared with an increase of \$143 million (1.3%) for total private new capital expenditure for Australia (\$11,479 million) in the December quarter 1997.

The trend estimates for expenditure on buildings and structures for NSW rose slightly to \$1,021 million in the December quarter 1997. This reversed a downward trend which had been evident since the March quarter 1997. The trend estimates for expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery for NSW rose by \$162 million (6.4%) to \$2,684 million, continuing an upward trend which has been evident throughout 1997.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, NSW

| Period | Estimated resident population at end of period | | | Increase during period | | | Mean estimated resident population for year ended | |
|---------------|---|---------|---------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Natural increase(a) | Net estimated migration | Total increase(b) | 30 June | 31 December |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1994 | 3 026.8 | 3 063.5 | 6 090.3 | 42.8 | 13.2 | 57.5 | 6 034.9 | 6 064.0 |
| 1995 | 3 064.0 | 3 104.8 | 6 168.8 | 42.0 | 33.7 | 78.6 | 6 093.2 | 6 128.0 |
| 1996 | 3 098.2 | 3 142.6 | 6 240.9 | 40.6 | 29.3 | 72.1 | 6 167.2 | 6 204.2 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 3 081.0 | 3 123.7 | 6 204.7 | 9.8 | 7.5 | 18.3 | .. | .. |
| September qtr | 3 089.1 | 3 132.3 | 6 221.4 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 16.6 | .. | .. |
| December qtr | 3 098.2 | 3 142.6 | 6 240.9 | 11.1 | 8.4 | 19.5 | .. | .. |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 3 108.6 | 3 152.6 | 6 261.3 | 11.4 | 9.0 | 20.4 | .. | .. |
| June qtr | 3 115.3 | 3 159.0 | 6 274.4 | 11.0 | 2.1 | 13.1 | .. | .. |
| September qtr | 3 124.9 | 3 168.1 | 6 293.0 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 18.6 | .. | .. |

^a Excess of live births over deaths.

^b For dates prior to June 1996, differences between the total increase shown and the sum of the natural increase and net estimated migration arise from retrospective adjustments to population estimates (which are made after each Census) to compensate for any intercensal discrepancy. A description of intercensal discrepancy is contained in the ABS information paper Demographic Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods (Cat. no. 3228.0).

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0)

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LABOUR, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Employed persons (seasonally adjusted) | '000 | Feb 98 | 2 805.4 | -1.3 | 0.2 | 8 529.4 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted) | '000 | Feb 98 | 234.5 | 3.3 | -8.5 | 751.0 | -0.5 | -7.0 |
| Labour force (seasonally adjusted) | '000 | Feb 98 | 3 039.9 | -1.0 | -0.5 | 9 280.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Participation rate (seasonally adjusted) | % | Feb 98 | 61.1 | -1.1 | -1.7 | 63.2 | 0.0 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) | % | Feb 98 | 7.7 | 4.3 | -8.1 | 8.1 | -0.6 | -7.6 |
| Industrial disputes—working days lost | '000 | Dec 97 | 4.8 | -40.7 | -60.6 | 22.5 | -60.5 | -2.2 |
| Job vacancies | '000 | Nov 97 | 22.8 | 18.1 | -10.7 | 68.1 | -1.7 | 9.3 |
| Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted) | \$ | Nov 97 | 740.2 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 711.6 | 0.4 | 3.7 |

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (6321.0), Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0)

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LABOUR, NSW

| Period | Seasonally adjusted | | | | | | Job vacancies |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|
| | Employed persons | Unemployed persons | Labour force | Participation rate | Unemployment rate | Industrial disputes (working days lost) | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| December | 2 816.3 | 241.4 | 3 057.6 | 62.4 | 7.9 | 12.2 | .. |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 829.7 | 239.8 | 3 069.5 | 62.6 | 7.8 | 3.2 | .. |
| February | 2 798.9 | 256.4 | 3 055.3 | 62.2 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 22.9 |
| March | 2 815.4 | 241.3 | 3 056.8 | 62.2 | 7.9 | 16.3 | .. |
| April | 2 822.9 | 245.5 | 3 068.3 | 62.4 | 8.0 | 2.6 | .. |
| May | 2 803.3 | 250.6 | 3 054.0 | 62.0 | 8.2 | 13.2 | 19.6 |
| June | 2 790.4 | 232.6 | 3 023.0 | 61.3 | 7.7 | 10.8 | .. |
| July | 2 805.7 | 255.4 | 3 061.1 | 62.0 | 8.3 | 18.5 | .. |
| August | 2 774.4 | 242.2 | 3 016.6 | 61.0 | 8.0 | 22.1 | 19.3 |
| September | 2 815.2 | 240.2 | 3 055.5 | 61.7 | 7.9 | 23.0 | .. |
| October | 2 787.7 | 244.1 | 3 031.7 | 61.2 | 8.1 | 28.0 | .. |
| November | 2 831.9 | 238.7 | 3 070.6 | 61.9 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 22.8 |
| December | 2 836.6 | 228.0 | 3 064.7 | 61.7 | 7.4 | 4.8 | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 843.3 | 227.1 | 3 070.4 | 61.8 | 7.4 | n.y.a. | .. |
| February | 2 805.4 | 234.5 | 3 039.9 | 61.1 | 7.7 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0)

| Month | Employed | | Unemployed | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 years and over | Unemployment rate(a) | Participation rate(b) |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Full-time workers | Total | Looking for full-time work | Total | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 1 344.2 | 1 492.6 | 179.8 | 196.7 | 1 689.3 | 631.8 | 2 321.1 | 11.6 | 72.8 |
| 1995 | 1 408.7 | 1 564.4 | 137.8 | 157.6 | 1 722.0 | 624.5 | 2 346.5 | 9.2 | 73.4 |
| 1996 | 1 421.5 | 1 588.4 | 133.6 | 150.5 | 1 739.0 | 638.1 | 2 377.1 | 8.7 | 73.2 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1 451.3 | 1 625.7 | 121.3 | 142.1 | 1 767.8 | 639.5 | 2 407.3 | 8.0 | 73.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 437.6 | 1 605.6 | 133.2 | 151.6 | 1 757.3 | 651.9 | 2 409.2 | 8.6 | 72.9 |
| February | 1 419.3 | 1 588.4 | 142.7 | 161.6 | 1 750.0 | 661.1 | 2 411.1 | 9.2 | 72.6 |
| March | 1 434.1 | 1 603.9 | 126.3 | 147.2 | 1 751.1 | 661.9 | 2 413.0 | 8.4 | 72.6 |
| April | 1 421.2 | 1 610.1 | 120.9 | 139.1 | 1 749.3 | 666.3 | 2 415.6 | 8.0 | 72.4 |
| May | 1 408.0 | 1 597.3 | 127.6 | 143.3 | 1 740.7 | 677.4 | 2 418.1 | 8.2 | 72.0 |
| June | 1 416.4 | 1 598.9 | 116.8 | 129.1 | 1 728.1 | 692.7 | 2 420.7 | 7.5 | 71.4 |
| July | 1 422.3 | 1 600.4 | 130.3 | 145.4 | 1 745.8 | 677.8 | 2 423.6 | 8.3 | 72.0 |
| August | 1 390.3 | 1 567.6 | 120.3 | 135.2 | 1 702.8 | 723.7 | 2 426.5 | 7.9 | 70.2 |
| September | 1 434.3 | 1 613.3 | 126.1 | 147.6 | 1 760.9 | 668.5 | 2 429.3 | 8.4 | 72.5 |
| October | 1 428.1 | 1 595.3 | 121.3 | 138.9 | 1 734.2 | 698.1 | 2 432.3 | 8.0 | 71.3 |
| November | 1 431.3 | 1 615.2 | 119.0 | 138.1 | 1 753.3 | 681.9 | 2 435.2 | 7.9 | 72.0 |
| December | 1 456.8 | 1 637.6 | 116.8 | 135.1 | 1 772.7 | 665.4 | 2 438.1 | 7.6 | 72.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 441.8 | 1 616.3 | 127.1 | 141.7 | 1 758.0 | 682.3 | 2 440.3 | 8.1 | 72.0 |
| February | 1 431.8 | 1 599.2 | 129.3 | 150.7 | 1 749.9 | 692.5 | 2 442.4 | 8.6 | 71.6 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 687.5 | 1 107.9 | 95.3 | 129.8 | 1 237.7 | 1 166.8 | 2 404.5 | 10.5 | 51.5 |
| 1995 | 690.3 | 1 135.4 | 89.3 | 132.0 | 1 267.4 | 1 163.4 | 2 430.9 | 10.4 | 52.1 |
| 1996 | 717.9 | 1 183.2 | 77.2 | 109.8 | 1 293.0 | 1 167.7 | 2 460.7 | 8.5 | 52.5 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 746.7 | 1 225.0 | 70.1 | 102.6 | 1 327.6 | 1 168.3 | 2 495.8 | 7.7 | 53.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 729.7 | 1 182.3 | 75.0 | 106.4 | 1 288.6 | 1 209.5 | 2 498.1 | 8.3 | 51.6 |
| February | 725.7 | 1 194.1 | 80.0 | 125.6 | 1 319.8 | 1 180.6 | 2 500.3 | 9.5 | 52.8 |
| March | 722.6 | 1 212.4 | 73.1 | 110.0 | 1 322.4 | 1 180.2 | 2 502.5 | 8.3 | 52.8 |
| April | 730.2 | 1 211.6 | 68.9 | 104.5 | 1 316.1 | 1 189.1 | 2 505.3 | 7.9 | 52.5 |
| May | 720.4 | 1 206.6 | 67.2 | 101.9 | 1 308.5 | 1 199.5 | 2 508.0 | 7.8 | 52.2 |
| June | 704.3 | 1 192.4 | 64.1 | 92.3 | 1 284.7 | 1 226.0 | 2 510.7 | 7.2 | 51.2 |
| July | 729.6 | 1 213.2 | 61.7 | 92.7 | 1 305.9 | 1 207.7 | 2 513.6 | 7.1 | 52.0 |
| August | 703.9 | 1 182.9 | 65.3 | 92.7 | 1 275.6 | 1 240.8 | 2 516.5 | 7.3 | 50.7 |
| September | 722.2 | 1 226.8 | 63.4 | 96.1 | 1 322.9 | 1 196.5 | 2 519.4 | 7.3 | 52.5 |
| October | 721.0 | 1 194.1 | 68.1 | 97.3 | 1 291.5 | 1 230.6 | 2 522.1 | 7.5 | 51.2 |
| November | 725.5 | 1 228.3 | 62.1 | 87.8 | 1 316.1 | 1 208.6 | 2 524.7 | 6.7 | 52.1 |
| December | 730.8 | 1 234.9 | 66.3 | 95.7 | 1 330.6 | 1 196.8 | 2 527.4 | 7.2 | 52.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 721.4 | 1 185.5 | 71.4 | 102.6 | 1 288.1 | 1 241.2 | 2 529.3 | 8.0 | 50.9 |
| February | 707.1 | 1 189.9 | 72.1 | 111.7 | 1 301.7 | 1 229.5 | 2 531.1 | 8.6 | 51.4 |

For footnotes see end of table.

| Month | Employed | | Unemployed | | Labour force | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 years and over | Unemployment rate(a) | Participation rate(b) |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Full-time workers | Total | Looking for full-time work | Total | | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | |
| 1994 | 2 031.7 | 2 600.5 | 275.1 | 326.5 | 2 927.0 | 1 798.6 | 4 725.6 | 11.2 | 61.9 |
| 1995 | 2 099.1 | 2 699.8 | 227.2 | 289.7 | 2 989.4 | 1 787.9 | 4 777.4 | 9.7 | 62.6 |
| 1996 | 2 139.4 | 2 771.6 | 210.8 | 260.4 | 3 032.0 | 1 805.8 | 4 837.7 | 8.6 | 62.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 2 197.9 | 2 850.6 | 191.4 | 244.7 | 3 095.4 | 1 807.8 | 4 903.1 | 7.9 | 63.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 167.3 | 2 787.9 | 208.1 | 258.0 | 3 045.9 | 1 861.4 | 4 907.3 | 8.5 | 62.1 |
| February | 2 145.0 | 2 782.5 | 222.7 | 287.2 | 3 069.7 | 1 841.7 | 4 911.4 | 9.4 | 62.5 |
| March | 2 156.7 | 2 816.3 | 199.4 | 257.1 | 3 073.4 | 1 842.1 | 4 915.5 | 8.4 | 62.5 |
| April | 2 151.5 | 2 821.7 | 189.8 | 243.6 | 3 065.4 | 1 855.5 | 4 920.8 | 7.9 | 62.3 |
| May | 2 128.4 | 2 804.0 | 194.9 | 245.3 | 3 049.2 | 1 876.9 | 4 926.1 | 8.0 | 61.9 |
| June | 2 120.8 | 2 791.3 | 181.0 | 221.4 | 3 012.8 | 1 918.7 | 4 931.4 | 7.3 | 61.1 |
| July | 2 151.9 | 2 813.6 | 192.1 | 238.1 | 3 051.7 | 1 885.5 | 4 937.2 | 7.8 | 61.8 |
| August | 2 094.3 | 2 750.5 | 185.6 | 228.0 | 2 978.4 | 1 964.5 | 4 942.9 | 7.7 | 60.3 |
| September | 2 156.5 | 2 840.0 | 189.5 | 243.7 | 3 083.8 | 1 865.0 | 4 948.7 | 7.9 | 62.3 |
| October | 2 149.1 | 2 789.4 | 189.3 | 236.2 | 3 025.7 | 1 928.7 | 4 954.3 | 7.8 | 61.1 |
| November | 2 156.7 | 2 843.5 | 181.1 | 225.9 | 3 069.4 | 1 890.5 | 4 959.9 | 7.4 | 61.9 |
| December | 2 187.6 | 2 872.6 | 183.1 | 230.8 | 3 103.3 | 1 862.2 | 4 965.6 | 7.4 | 62.5 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 163.2 | 2 801.8 | 198.5 | 244.3 | 3 046.1 | 1 923.5 | 4 969.5 | 8.0 | 61.3 |
| February | 2 138.9 | 2 789.1 | 201.4 | 262.4 | 3 051.5 | 1 922.0 | 4 973.5 | 8.6 | 61.4 |

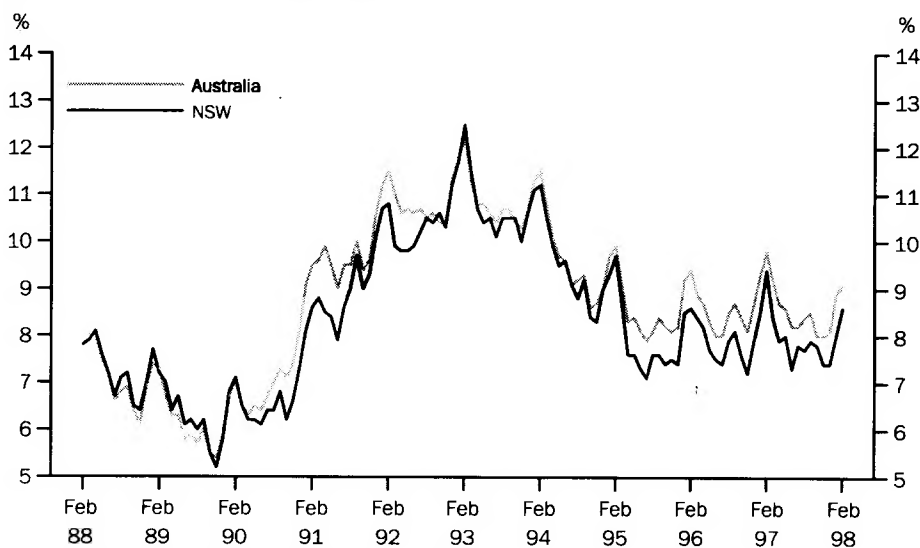
^a The number of unemployed in each group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

^b The labour force in each group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0)

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE — ORIGINAL



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW AND AUSTRALIA — ORIGINAL

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | Change from | Change from | | Change from | Change from |
| | | | | prior period | same period | | prior period | same period |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Raw coal won— | | | | | | | | |
| Underground | '000 tonnes | Dec 97 | 3 889 | -8.4 | 0.8 | 4 787 | -10.6 | -2.4 |
| Open cut | '000 tonnes | Dec 97 | 5 196 | -9.9 | 7.6 | 12 767 | -11.9 | 5.9 |
| Total | '000 tonnes | Dec 97 | 9 085 | -9.2 | 4.6 | 17 554 | -11.5 | 3.5 |
| Electricity | mill. kWh | Dec qtr 97 | 15 220 | -8.4 | 1.1 | 43 461 | -4.5 | 6.6 |
| Gas(a) | teraJ | Dec qtr 97 | 25 445 | -25.4 | 4.3 | 151 337 | -17.5 | 3.4 |

^a Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board, Manufacturing Production, Australia (Cat. no. 8301.0)

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COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW — ORIGINAL

| Period | Raw coal won | | | Electricity | Gas(a) |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | Underground | Open cut | Total | | |
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | mill. kWh | teraJ |
| 1994-95 | 48 702 | 59 079 | 107 781 | 60 016 | 104 881 |
| 1995-96 | 54 314 | 58 775 | 113 089 | 62 047 | 104 141 |
| 1996-97 | 54 642 | 69 037 | 123 679 | 62 788 | 109 284 |
| 1996 | | | | | |
| September | 4 872 | 5 154 | 10 026 | n.a. | n.a. |
| October | 5 534 | 6 569 | 12 103 | — | — |
| November | 4 524 | 5 200 | 9 724 | 15 052 | 24 402 |
| December | 3 859 | 4 830 | 8 689 | — | — |
| 1997 | | | | | |
| January | 3 972 | 5 797 | 9 769 | — | — |
| February | 3 830 | 5 583 | 9 413 | 15 127 | 22 738 |
| March | 4 088 | 5 663 | 9 751 | — | — |
| April | 4 803 | 6 626 | 11 429 | — | — |
| May | 5 183 | 6 626 | 11 809 | 15 973 | 29 907 |
| June | 4 717 | 5 785 | 10 502 | — | — |
| July | 6 489 | 6 970 | 13 459 | — | — |
| August | 5 439 | 6 075 | 11 514 | 16 622 | 34 086 |
| September | 4 898 | 5 745 | 10 643 | — | — |
| October | 4 179 | 6 436 | 10 615 | — | — |
| November | 4 246 | 5 764 | 10 010 | 15 220 | 25 445 |
| December | 3 889 | 5 196 | 9 085 | — | — |

^a Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board, Manufacturing Production, Australia (Cat. no. 8301.0)

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)— | | | | | | | | |
| New houses | No. | Jan 98 | 2 642 | -5.5 | 22.7 | 9 103 | 6.3 | 17.9 |
| Total | No. | Jan 98 | 4 350 | -9.8 | 3.8 | 13 421 | -1.5 | 15.3 |
| Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted) | \$m | Jan 98 | 436.4 | -22.4 | -1.3 | 1 425.9 | 2 | 22.5 |
| Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted) | \$m | Jan 98 | 149.9 | 22.7 | 49.9 | 287.4 | 18.3 | 30.2 |
| Value of non-residential building(c) (original) | \$m | Jan 98 | 477.0 | 66.8 | 15.5 | 1 035.1 | -2.3 | 0.7 |
| Value of all building (original) | \$m | Jan 98 | 984.0 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 2 455.5 | -4.1 | 11.0 |

^a Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

^b Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

^c Valued at \$50,000 or more.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0)

| Period | Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted | | | | Value of building approvals | | | |
|----------------|--|-------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | New houses | | Total | | Seasonally adjusted | | Original | |
| | Private sector | Total | Private sector | Total | New residential building | Alterations and additions to residential building(b) | Non-residential building(c) | All building |
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1994-95 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 733.4 | 10 211.0 |
| 1995-96 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 650.2 | 9 168.6 |
| 1996-97 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 169.1 | 11 357.5 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 2 299 | 2 321 | 3 700 | 3 957 | 407.1 | 89.3 | 509.2 | 949.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 148 | 2 154 | 3 967 | 4 191 | 442.2 | 100.0 | 413.0 | 883.8 |
| February | 2 045 | 2 089 | 4 072 | 4 308 | 479.4 | 93.0 | 241.5 | 734.7 |
| March | 1 805 | 1 825 | 3 849 | 3 995 | 375.9 | 96.8 | 202.4 | 648.7 |
| April | 2 445 | 2 470 | 4 203 | 4 326 | 505.6 | 91.2 | 307.3 | 847.3 |
| May | 2 961 | 2 980 | 4 390 | 4 442 | 527.9 | 91.9 | 260.5 | 971.3 |
| June | 2 112 | 2 119 | 4 219 | 4 389 | 436.9 | 125.7 | 353.0 | 903.0 |
| July | 2 095 | 2 109 | 3 687 | 3 744 | 355.3 | 92.7 | 584.9 | 1 156.7 |
| August | 2 236 | 2 241 | 4 695 | 4 862 | 633.6 | 101.5 | 710.5 | 1 405.9 |
| September | 2 143 | 2 147 | 3 454 | 3 567 | 401.2 | 92.3 | 396.4 | 958.0 |
| October | 2 411 | 2 420 | 4 081 | 4 111 | 511.7 | 102.3 | 520.3 | 1 123.1 |
| November | 2 390 | 2 400 | 4 466 | 4 507 | 505.2 | 108.0 | 380.6 | 1 028.0 |
| December | 2 778 | 2 795 | 4 644 | 4 822 | 562.3 | 122.2 | 286.0 | 885.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 607 | 2 642 | 4 235 | 4 350 | 436.4 | 149.9 | 477.0 | 984.0 |

^a Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

^b Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

^c Valued at \$50,000 or more.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0)

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Food retailing | \$m | Jan 98 | 1 568.6 | 1.9 | 8.2 | 4 654.7 | 3.1 | 6.3 |
| Department stores | \$m | Jan 98 | 366.8 | 8.8 | 9.6 | 1 045.7 | 6.3 | 6.7 |
| Clothing and soft good retailing | \$m | Jan 98 | 267.6 | -5.9 | -6.3 | 726.0 | -1.4 | 2.5 |
| Household good retailing | \$m | Jan 98 | 444.6 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 1 302.1 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| Recreational good retailing | \$m | Jan 98 | 238.7 | 2.5 | 8.5 | 648.0 | 2.2 | 8.3 |
| Other retailing | \$m | Jan 98 | 396.4 | -2.5 | 6.8 | 1 159.8 | 3.2 | 9.7 |
| Hospitality and services | \$m | Jan 98 | 761.3 | -1.2 | 3.6 | 1 836.4 | -0.5 | 2 |
| Total value of retail sales | \$m | Jan 98 | 4 043.9 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 11 372.7 | 2.1 | 5.3 |

^a The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.)

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| Period | Food retailing | Department stores | Clothing and soft good retailing | Household good retailing | Recreational good retailing | Other retailing | Hospitality and services | Total |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| November | 1 455.3 | 337.5 | 277.8 | 441.3 | 215.0 | 374.8 | 731.6 | 3 833.3 |
| December | 1 437.5 | 339.6 | 288.1 | 452.2 | 224.4 | 376.7 | 743.4 | 3 861.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 450.0 | 334.7 | 285.5 | 439.8 | 220.1 | 371.2 | 735.1 | 3 836.4 |
| February | 1 458.0 | 342.2 | 277.9 | 474.6 | 219.2 | 374.2 | 739.9 | 3 885.9 |
| March | 1 487.8 | 329.5 | 267.4 | 445.2 | 214.8 | 378.0 | 732.7 | 3 855.4 |
| April | 1 455.1 | 314.7 | 271.6 | 440.6 | 219.6 | 378.3 | 727.8 | 3 807.8 |
| May | 1 481.5 | 327.9 | 283.2 | 452.9 | 221.2 | 384.7 | 741.0 | 3 892.4 |
| June | 1 464.5 | 314.2 | 274.8 | 455.6 | 223.7 | 389.0 | 765.4 | 3 887.2 |
| July | 1 512.4 | 364.6 | 279.9 | 479.1 | 214.1 | 400.8 | 748.4 | 3 999.2 |
| August | 1 505.0 | 328.0 | 276.3 | 477.3 | 211.4 | 385.4 | 763.9 | 3 947.3 |
| September | 1 537.8 | 358.4 | 275.1 | 465.3 | 229.9 | 375.0 | 765.6 | 4 007.3 |
| October | 1 516.9 | 336.6 | 272.7 | 438.2 | 225.2 | 398.2 | 760.5 | 3 948.3 |
| November | 1 526.7 | 347.2 | 280.8 | 398.4 | 216.2 | 410.6 | 767.4 | 3 947.3 |
| December | 1 539.3 | 337.0 | 284.4 | 413.9 | 232.9 | 406.5 | 770.9 | 3 984.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 568.6 | 366.8 | 267.6 | 444.6 | 238.7 | 396.4 | 761.3 | 4 043.9 |

^a The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.)

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Passenger vehicles | no. | Jan 98 | 19 116 | 4.4 | 10.9 | 54 762 | -0.5 | 14.1 |
| Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles) | no. | Jan 98 | 2 967 | -1.8 | 11.7 | 9 504 | -3.4 | 10.2 |
| Total registrations (excluding motor cycles) | no. | Jan 98 | 22 083 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 64 267 | -0.9 | 13.5 |

^a Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorsed caravans.

Source: New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0).

| Period | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles) | Total (excluding motor cycles) |
|-------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | no. | no. | no. |
| 1996 | | | |
| November | 15 759 | 2 529 | 18 288 |
| December | 15 169 | 2 604 | 17 773 |
| 1997 | | | |
| January | 17 239 | 2 656 | 19 895 |
| February | 16 927 | 2 894 | 19 820 |
| March | 16 761 | 2 837 | 19 598 |
| April | 17 194 | 2 637 | 19 831 |
| May | 16 924 | 2 770 | 19 694 |
| June | 17 978 | 2 728 | 20 706 |
| July | 17 377 | 2 763 | 20 141 |
| August | 16 977 | 2 732 | 19 709 |
| September | 18 454 | 2 711 | 21 165 |
| October | 18 920 | 2 729 | 21 650 |
| November | 18 995 | 2 513 | 21 507 |
| December | 18 315 | 3 020 | 21 335 |
| 1998 | | | |
| January | 19 116 | 2 967 | 22 083 |

^a Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorsed caravans.

Source: New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0).

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LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS ETC., NSW AND AUSTRALIA — ORIGINAL

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Room nights | '000 | Dec Qtr | 3 220.2 | 3.4 | 0 | 9 640.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| Room occupancy rate | % | Dec Qtr | 59.0 | 2.6 | -3.1 | 58.2 | 0.3 | -2.9 |
| Takings | \$'000 | Dec Qtr | 345 737 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 979 184 | 3.1 | 3.5 |

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0)

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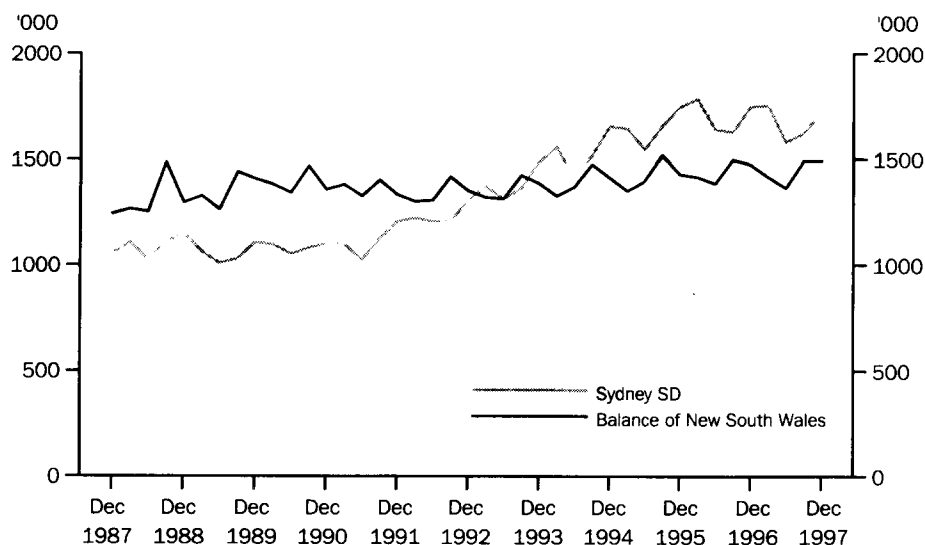
LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS ETC., SYDNEY AND NSW — ORIGINAL

| Period | Sydney | | | New South Wales | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Room nights | Room occupancy rate | Takings | Room nights | Room occupancy rate | Takings |
| | '000 | % | \$'000 | '000 | % | \$'000 |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| June qtr | 1 640.4 | 69.5 | 205 884 | 3 024.3 | 57.4 | 296 797 |
| September qtr | 1 627.4 | 69.4 | 205 409 | 3 123.4 | 59.1 | 314 270 |
| December qtr | 1 747.3 | 74.7 | 232 355 | 3 221.7 | 60.9 | 333 494 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| March qtr | 1 753.1 | 76.2 | 236 756 | 3 168.7 | 60.9 | 337 189 |
| June qtr | 1 581.0 | 67.9 | 214 116 | 2 945.2 | 56.0 | 305 726 |
| September qtr | 1 622.8 | 67.2 | 214 412 | 3 113.8 | 57.5 | 325 246 |
| December qtr | 1 728.1 | 70.6 | 240 678 | 3 220.2 | 59.0 | 345 737 |

Source: Tourist Accommodation, NSW (Cat. no. 8635.1)

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LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS ETC., QUARTERLY ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED — ORIGINAL



Source: Tourist Accommodation, NSW (Cat. no. 8635.1)

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CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia(a) | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Consumer Price Index (all groups) | 1989-90 = 100.0 | Dec qtr 97 | 120.1 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 120.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Price index of materials used in house building (all groups) | 1989-90 = 100.0 | Dec qtr 97 | 119.4 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 117.9 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups) | 1989-90 = 100.0 | Dec qtr 97 | 114.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 114.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |

^a For the Consumer Price Index this is the weighted average of eight capital cities and for the other two indexes, the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0)

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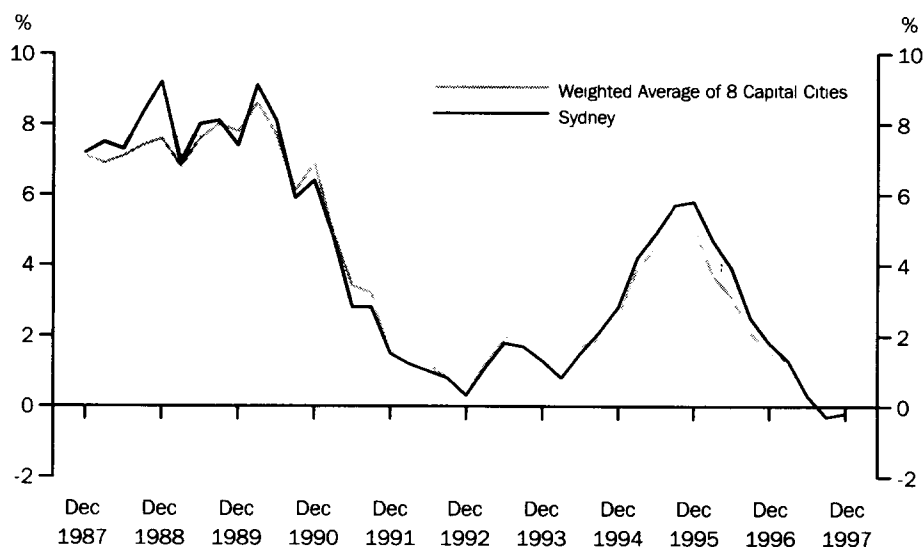
CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW

| Period | Consumer Price Index, all groups | Price Index of materials used in house building, all groups | Price Index of materials used in building other than house building, all groups |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| | 1989-90 = 100.0 | 1989-90 = 100.0 | 1989-90 = 100.0 |
| 1996 | | | |
| June qtr | 119.9 | 116.2 | 112.5 |
| September qtr | 120.2 | 115.9 | 112.5 |
| December qtr | 120.4 | 115.8 | 112.6 |
| 1997 | | | |
| March qtr | 120.6 | 116.0 | 113.2 |
| June qtr | 120.2 | 117.3 | 113.9 |
| September qtr | 119.8 | 117.8 | 114.2 |
| December qtr | 120.1 | 119.4 | 114.2 |

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0)

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Australia | | |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | Latest figure | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings— | | | | | | | | |
| Construction of dwellings | \$m | Jan 98 | 169.1 | -17.1 | 14.4 | 556.8 | -17.3 | 17.5 |
| Purchase of newly erected dwellings | \$m | Jan 98 | 74.2 | -33.6 | -20.9 | 193.4 | -26.0 | -5.0 |
| Purchase of established dwellings(a) | \$m | Jan 98 | 922.1 | -18.9 | -2.7 | 2 946.9 | -16.4 | -4.4 |
| Refinancing of existing dwellings | \$m | Jan 98 | 235.6 | -4.5 | 22.7 | 629.9 | -12.6 | -15.5 |
| Lending commitments for alterations and additions | \$m | Jan 98 | 80.8 | -10.8 | -3.7 | 191.9 | -13.7 | -12.4 |
| Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b) | \$m | Jan 98 | 1 400.9 | -17.6 | 6.3 | 3 697.0 | -17.1 | -1.6 |
| Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b) | \$m | Jan 98 | 1 931.6 | 8.0 | -0.4 | 4 634.8 | 1.0 | 2.9 |

^a Excludes refinancing.

^b Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0)

| Period | Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings | | | | | Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b) | |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| | Construction of dwellings | Purchase of newly erected dwellings | Purchase of established dwellings(a) | Refinancing of existing dwellings | Lending commitments for alterations and additions | Original | Seasonally adjusted |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1993-94 | 2 151.4 | 838.5 | 10 911.6 | 2 337.2 | 1 078.2 | 16 238.7 | .. |
| 1994-95 | 2 162.6 | 819.8 | 9 952.4 | 2 381.9 | 1 242.0 | 15 316.7 | .. |
| 1995-96 | 1 894.7 | 897.9 | 10 145.3 | 2 929.8 | 1 261.8 | 15 867.7 | .. |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| November | 167.2 | 103.7 | 1 060.5 | 283.6 | 89.1 | 1 615.0 | 1 594.9 |
| December | 142.7 | 81.5 | 1 000.9 | 265.8 | 84.2 | 1 491.0 | 1 665.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| January | 147.8 | 93.8 | 948.0 | 304.9 | 83.9 | 1 494.5 | 1 940.2 |
| February | 175.6 | 100.1 | 981.9 | 297.5 | 92.9 | 1 555.1 | 1 591.4 |
| March | 187.5 | 106.3 | 1 121.1 | 328.4 | 103.8 | 1 743.3 | 1 715.8 |
| April | 212.2 | 116.6 | 1 231.9 | 371.7 | 108.5 | 1 932.3 | 1 792.4 |
| May | 221.3 | 121.3 | 1 282.3 | 316.2 | 99.7 | 1 941.1 | 1 778.7 |
| June | 193.0 | 120.8 | 1 122.6 | 327.5 | 89.9 | 1 764.0 | 1 735.7 |
| July | 220.8 | 116.8 | 1 218.6 | 321.5 | 93.1 | 1 877.8 | 1 707.7 |
| August | 213.6 | 114.8 | 1 154.9 | 310.7 | 90.3 | 1 794.1 | 1 824.0 |
| September | 236.2 | 116.0 | 1 210.2 | 322.4 | 102.7 | 1 884.7 | 1 856.1 |
| October | 224.0 | 110.9 | 1 253.3 | 302.3 | 110.1 | 1 890.5 | 1 884.3 |
| November | 201.1 | 110.0 | 1 198.4 | 261.8 | 97.9 | 1 771.4 | 1 804.5 |
| December | 204.7 | 111.7 | 1 138.7 | 245.5 | 90.9 | 1 700.5 | 1 789.9 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| January | 169.1 | 74.2 | 922.1 | 235.6 | 80.8 | 1 400.9 | 1 931.6 |

^a Excludes refinancing.

^b Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0)

| Item | Actual 1995-96 | Actual 1996-97 | Estimates 1997-98 | July-December | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | 1996-97 \$m | 1997-98 \$m |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Current receipts | | | | | |
| Taxes, fees and fines | | | | | |
| Stamp duties | 2 630 | 3 193 | 3 373 | 1 568 | 1 927 |
| Payroll tax | 2 876 | 3 161 | 3 338 | 1 540 | 1 685 |
| Land tax | 575 | 641 | 786 | 80 | 99 |
| Motor vehicle tax | 937 | 903 | 930 | 440 | 465 |
| Gaming and betting | 1 179 | 1 209 | 1 392 | 625 | 680 |
| Licences | 1 729 | 1 850 | 1 979 | 741 | 140 |
| Commonwealth Safety Net Taxes | — | — | — | — | 578 |
| Other | 943 | 1 000 | 1 114 | 490 | 399 |
| Land transactions and royalties | 246 | 243 | 238 | 114 | 126 |
| Income from Non Budget Sector Enterprises | 1 290 | 1 436 | 1 341 | 1 071 | 1 061 |
| Commonwealth General Purpose Recurrent Grants | 4 517 | 4 673 | 4 900 | 2 436 | 2 462 |
| less—State Fiscal Contribution | — | 210 | 216 | 109 | 110 |
| Commonwealth Specific Purpose Recurrent Grants | 2 757 | 2 944 | 2 962 | 1 404 | 1 437 |
| Other | 729 | 599 | 626 | 272 | 239 |
| Total current receipts | 20 408 | 21 642 | 22 763 | 10 672 | 11 188 |
| Capital receipts | | | | | |
| Commonwealth General Purpose Capital Grants | — | — | — | — | — |
| Commonwealth Specific Purpose Capital Grants | 867 | 854 | 854 | 350 | 344 |
| Other | 11 | 17 | 228 | 2 | 101 |
| Total capital receipts | 877 | 872 | 1 081 | 352 | 446 |
| Total current and capital receipts | 21 285 | 22 514 | 23 844 | 11 024 | 11 634 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Current expenditure | | | | | |
| Departmental payments | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | |
| Health | 5 116 | 5 381 | 5 585 | 2 755 | 2 907 |
| Education(a) | 4 641 | 4 928 | 5 174 | 2 437 | 2 501 |
| Law and order(b) | 1 247 | 1 679 | 1 711 | 798 | 866 |
| Community Services | 989 | 1 113 | 1 155 | 573 | 632 |
| Other | 3 944 | 4 057 | 4 192 | 1 882 | 2 060 |
| Redundancies | 17 | 22 | 38 | 4 | 19 |
| Subsidies to Non Budget agencies | | | | | |
| Services | 726 | 1 073 | 866 | 323 | 509 |
| Redundancies | 66 | 33 | 63 | 35 | 40 |
| Interest payments | 1 683 | 1 399 | 1 527 | 659 | 703 |
| Superannuation | 1 077 | 1 402 | 1 451 | 620 | 724 |
| Treasurer's advance(c) | — | — | 100 | — | — |
| less—User charges | 1 286 | 1 349 | 1 347 | 660 | 602 |
| Total current expenditure | 18 220 | 19 739 | 20 516 | 9 426 | 10 359 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | |
| Capital works | 1 940 | 2 315 | 2 665 | 816 | 964 |
| Capital grants | 1 483 | 1 109 | 1 240 | 689 | 530 |
| Advances made | 65 | 69 | 15 | 30 | 3 |
| less—Advances repaid | 1 877 | 657 | 215 | -4 | 47 |
| less—Asset sales | 160 | 247 | 322 | 52 | 120 |
| Total capital expenditure | 1 449 | 2 589 | 3 383 | 1 487 | 1 330 |
| Total current and capital expenditure | 19 669 | 22 328 | 23 899 | 10 913 | 11 689 |
| SURPLUS OR DEFICIT (-) | | | | | |
| Current account | 2 188 | 1 903 | 2 246 | 1246 | 829 |
| Capital account | -572 | -1 717 | -2 302 | -1 135 | -885 |
| Total result surplus/deficit | 1 617 | 186 | -56 | 111 | -55 |

^a Includes Department of Training and Education Co-ordination, Department of School Education, Office of the Board of Studies and TAFE.

^b Includes Attorney Generals Department, Department of Corrective Services and Police Services.

^c Expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance is included in the relevant current payments figures.

Source: Financial Statement released by NSW Treasury. Figures may differ from data published in annual ABS publications.

| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Type of asset— | | | | | | | | |
| New buildings and structures | \$m | Dec qtr | 1 021 | 0.4 | -7.2 | 3 164 | -4.1 | -14.2 |
| Equipment, plant and machinery | \$m | Dec qtr | 2 684 | 6.4 | 14.5 | 8 315 | 3.5 | 15.5 |
| Total | \$m | Dec qtr | 3 705 | 4.7 | 7.6 | 11 479 | 1.3 | 5.3 |

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0)

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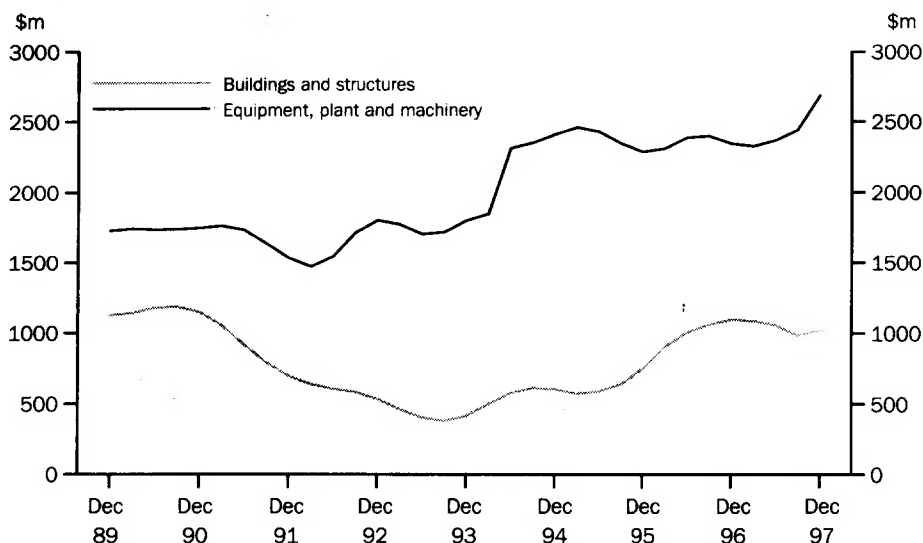
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, NSW — TREND ESTIMATES

| Period | Type of asset | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | New buildings and structures | Equipment, plant and machinery | Total |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1996 | | | |
| September qtr | r1 059 | 2 397 | r3 456 |
| December qtr | r1 100 | 2 344 | r3 444 |
| 1997 | | | |
| March qtr | r1 074 | r2 307 | r3 381 |
| June qtr | r1 043 | r2 374 | r3 417 |
| September qtr | r1 017 | r2 522 | r3 539 |
| December qtr | 1 021 | 2 684 | 3 705 |

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| Indicator | Unit | Latest period | Latest figure | New South Wales | | Latest figure | Australia | |
|---------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year | | Change from prior period | Change from same period prior year |
| | | | | % | % | | % | % |
| Overseas imports into NSW | \$m | Jan 98 | 2 945 | -13.9 | 11.9 | 7 110 | -10.2 | 10.8 |
| Total overseas exports(b) | \$m | Jan 98 | 1 413 | -22.6 | 6.5 | 6 017 | -19.5 | 4.3 |
| Exports of— | | | | | | | | |
| Meat and meat preparations | \$m | Jan 98 | 64 | -26.2 | 19.4 | 217 | -36.3 | 16.5 |
| Cereals and cereal preparations | \$m | Jan 98 | 131 | -20.4 | 9.2 | 516 | -6.0 | -21.4 |
| Wool and other animal hair | \$m | Jan 98 | 71 | -38.1 | 11.4 | 264 | -32.8 | 4.9 |
| Coke, coal and briquettes | \$m | Jan 98 | 353 | -7.8 | 3.2 | 866 | -1.4 | 13.6 |
| Iron and steel | \$m | Jan 98 | 115 | 29.4 | 31.4 | 169 | 18.0 | 44.1 |
| Aluminium | \$m | Jan 98 | 118 | 19.8 | 46.9 | 283 | -1.9 | 17.8 |
| Office machines and parts | \$m | Jan 98 | 36 | -38.2 | 3.5 | 51 | -54.5 | 6.4 |

^a Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

^b Excludes re-exported goods. State of origin is defined as the State in which the final stage of production or manufacture occurs.

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| Period | Overseas exports of selected commodities(b) | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| | Overseas imports into NSW | Total overseas exports(b) | Meat and meat preparations | Cereals and cereal preparations | Wool and other animal hair | Coke, coal and briquettes | Iron and steel | Aluminium | Office machines and parts |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1994-95 | 33 280 | 15 201 | 885 | 458 | 1 035 | 2 801 | 913 | 1 018 | 829 |
| 1995-96 | 34 891 | 16 684 | 794 | 822 | 720 | 3 338 | 1 037 | 1 111 | 638 |
| 1996-97 | 34 204 | 17 726 | 784 | 1 540 | 859 | 3 426 | 968 | 993 | 535 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 2 879 | 1 474 | 77 | 68 | 87 | 289 | 77 | 74 | 56 |
| December | 2 798 | 1 494 | 63 | 125 | 86 | 279 | 65 | 77 | 55 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 631 | 1 326 | 54 | 120 | 64 | 343 | 87 | 81 | 35 |
| February | 2 549 | 1 383 | 65 | 163 | 59 | 277 | 81 | 86 | 41 |
| March | 2 649 | 1 527 | 70 | 149 | 100 | 261 | 80 | 95 | 50 |
| April | 2 939 | 1 445 | 76 | 137 | 62 | 286 | 92 | 88 | 31 |
| May | 2 788 | 1 717 | 75 | 197 | 74 | 289 | 112 | 99 | 40 |
| June | 3 182 | 1 552 | 68 | 204 | 61 | 270 | 57 | 73 | 41 |
| July | 3 221 | r1 750 | 74 | 145 | 104 | 335 | 65 | 97 | 45 |
| August | 3 002 | r1 763 | 71 | 185 | 79 | 318 | 93 | 116 | 44 |
| September | 3 217 | r1 667 | 76 | 157 | 102 | 350 | 59 | 73 | 48 |
| October | 3 388 | r1 693 | 78 | 95 | 119 | 302 | 123 | 98 | 45 |
| November | r3 102 | r1 758 | r89 | 148 | r130 | 328 | 98 | 102 | r51 |
| December | 3 421 | r1 826 | r87 | 165 | r115 | r384 | r89 | 99 | r58 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 945 | 1 413 | 64 | 131 | 71 | 353 | 115 | 118 | 36 |

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